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PRETERM DELIVERY

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN  
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In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, a copy of a European Examination Report, issued September 4, 2006, in connection with corresponding European Patent Application No. 04709003, is provided for consideration by the Examiner. The table below lists the document and includes a column that provides a space next to the document to be considered, for the Examiner's initials.

Examiner Initial	Foreign Appln. No.	Country	Attorney Docket No.	Status	Foreign Communication
	04709003	EP	826EP	Pending	1 <sup>st</sup> Exam Report

Further to the list provided in the communication filed on October 4, 2004, applicant also makes known to the Examiner the following pending U.S. and International Applications that have one or more common inventors and/or are commonly owned:

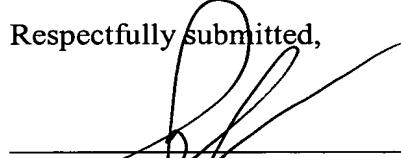
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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing documents and make them of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,



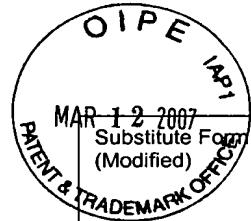
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**List of Patents and Publications for Applicant's  
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**U.S. Patent Documents**

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	AA	None					

**Foreign Patent Documents or Published Foreign Patent Applications**

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							Yes	No
	AB	None						

**Other Documents (include Author, Title, Date, and Place of Publication)**

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	AC	Bernstein, P.S., "The problem of preterm delivery," Review of the Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine 23 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Clinical Meeting February 2003, (from <a href="http://www.medscape.com">http://www.medscape.com</a> ), accessed on 03.12.2007.
	AD	Iams, J.D., et al., "Fetal fibronectin improves the accuracy of diagnosis of preterm labor," American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, 173:141-145, (1995).
	AE	Iams, J.D., "Preterm birth," In: Gabbe, S.G., Niebyl, J.R., Simpson J.L., eds. Obstetrics: Normal and Problem Pregnancies 4th ed. New York, NY: Churchill Livingstone; (2002).

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